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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: **Designation of duty stations for purposes of rest and recuperation**

1. In accordance with ST/AI/2011/7/Amend.2, on rest and recuperation, and following inter-agency consultations, the Office of Human Resources Management approves the duty stations that qualify for rest and recuperation, determines the duration of the period of qualifying service (frequency) and designates rest and recuperation destinations. The annex to the present circular lists the duty stations approved for rest and recuperation purposes effective as at 1 July 2012.

2. Should security or severe hardship conditions improve or deteriorate at specific duty stations during the course of the year, the frequency may be adjusted by the Office of Human Resources Management following inter-agency consultations. Similarly, significant changes in a duty station environment may result in the approval or discontinuation of rest and recuperation.

3. In duty stations where the rest and recuperation periodicity has been reduced, the new cycle takes effect immediately. In duty stations where the rest and recuperation periodicity has been increased (4 to 6, 6 to 8 or 8 to 12) or discontinued, staff members or other eligible individuals who have already started accruing qualifying service prior to 1 July 2012 may avail themselves of rest and recuperation after completing the period of qualifying service previously in effect. The new rest and recuperation periodicity shall apply from the date of return to the duty station.

* Expiration date of the present information circular: 31 December 2012.

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Annex

Consolidated list of duty stations[a] approved by the Office of Human Resources Management for rest and recuperation (as at 1 July 2012)

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Afghanistan		
Kandahar, Tirinkot	4 weeks	Dubai
Rest of country	6 weeks	Dubai
Algeria		
Tindouf	8 weeks	Las Palmas
Burundi		
Muyinga, Ruyigi	8 weeks	Nairobi
Gitega, Makamba, Ngozi	12 weeks	Nairobi
Central African Republic		
Rest of country except Bangui	8 weeks	Yaoundé
Chad		
Entire country	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Côte d'Ivoire		
Entire country	8 weeks	Accra
Democratic Republic of the Congo		
Aru (Ituri district, Orientale Province), Beni (North Kivu Province), Bukavu (South Kivu Province), Bunia (Ituri district, Orientale Province), Butembo (North Kivu Province), Dungu (Haut-Uele), Goma (North Kivu Province), Kindu (Maniema Province), Mahagi (Ituri district, Orientale Province), Uvira (South Kivu Province)	6 weeks	Entebbe
Bandundu (Bandundu Province), Gemena (Equateur Province), Kalemie (North Katanga), Kamina (Katanga Province), Kananga (Kasai Occidental Province), Kinshasa (Kinshasa Province), Kisangani (Orientale Province), Libenge (Equateur Province), Matadi (Bas Congo Province), Mbandaka (Equateur Province), Mbuji-Mayi (Kasai Oriental Province)	8 weeks	Entebbe
Lubumbashi	12 weeks	Entebbe

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		
Pyongyang	8 weeks	Beijing
Ethiopia		
Gode, Kebredahar, Jijiga (Somali region)	6 weeks	Addis Ababa
Assosa	8 weeks	Addis Ababa
Gaza and West Bank		
Gaza (entire), West Bank (entire)	8 weeks	Amman
Guinea-Bissau		
Bissau	12 weeks	Dakar
Haiti		
Entire country	8 weeks	Santo Domingo
Iraq		
Baghdad,[b] Basra, Kirkuk	4 weeks	Amman
Erbil	8 weeks	Amman
Kenya		
Dadaab	6 weeks	Nairobi
Marsabit	8 weeks	Nairobi
Liberia		
Entire country	8 weeks	Accra
Libya		
Al Khufra, Benghazi, Tobruq, Tripoli	8 weeks	Malta
Mali		
Bamako, Mopti, Kayes	8 weeks	Dakar
Morocco		
Laayoune	12 weeks	Las Palmas
Niger		
Tahoua	12 weeks	Niamey

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Pakistan		
Peshawar	6 weeks	Dubai
Islamabad, Karachi	8 weeks	Dubai
Papua New Guinea		
Port Moresby	12 weeks	Brisbane
Philippines		
Cagayan De Oro, Cotabato City	8 weeks	Manila
Serbia		
Kosovo Province	8 weeks	Ljubljana
Sierra Leone		
Entire country except Freetown	12 weeks	Accra
Somalia		
Entire country	4 weeks	Nairobi
South Sudan		
Akon, Aweil, Bentiu, Bor, Kwacjok, Maban, Malakal, Pulmok, Rumbek, Tambura, Yei, Yirol (East)	6 weeks	Entebbe
Rest of country	8 weeks	Entebbe
Sudan		
Abyei, El Fasher (Darfur), El Daein (Darfur), El Geneina (Darfur), Forobaranga (Western Darfur), Gereida (Southern Darfur), Garzilla (Western Darfur), Kabkabiya (Darfur), Kass (Darfur), Khor Abeche (Southern Darfur), Kutum (Darfur), Masteri (Western Darfur), Marla (Southern Darfur), Muglad (Southern Kordofan), Nyala (Darfur), Shangil Tobaya (Northern Darfur), Sheiria (Southern Darfur), Um Kadada (Northern Darfur), Zalingei (Darfur), Zam Zam (Northern Darfur)	6 weeks	Entebbe
Ed Damazin, Kadugli, Khor Omer	8 weeks	Entebbe
Port Sudan	12 weeks	Entebbe

Duty station	*Frequency*	*Rest and recuperation destination*
Syrian Arab Republic		
Entire country	6 weeks	Amman
Timor-Leste		
Entire country except Dili	12 weeks	Darwin
United Republic of Tanzania		
Kigoma	12 weeks	Entebbe
Yemen		
Aden, Harad, Sa'dah, Sana'a	6 weeks	Larnaca

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[a] Reflects duty stations with a presence of Secretariat staff members. Specialized agencies, funds and programmes issue organization-specific lists.

[b] The four-week rest and recuperation for Baghdad is a transitional measure that will be discontinued on 31 December 2012.